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STATE PASS COMMERCE FOR SHEPHERD AND GAREL

STATE PASS LABOR FOR KRAMER, JAMES AND BLACKMAN

FROM SMITH

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD

SUBJ: TEXTILES: INDIA/HANDLOOM PRODUCTS

1. SMITH AND PHELAN CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT ELIMINATION OF GROUP III OF AMENDED USG/INDIAN TEXTILE AGREEMENT IS IN USG'S OVERALL INTERESTS.

2. WHILE WE UNDERSTAND COMMERCE'S CONCERN THAT ABSENCE OF IMPORT CONTROLS (IN SOME FORM) OVER BOTH GROUP III AND TRADITIONAL INDIAN ITEMS COULD PRESENT PROBLEMS, WE STILL CANNOT ACCEPT NOTION THAT U.S. CUSTOMS CANNOT PROVIDE A CONTINUING COUNT WITHOUT TARGET ON GROUP III AFTER GROUP III AGREEMENT IS TERMINATED.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH JOHN RAY OF TREASURY DURING FLIGHT TO PARIS, SMITH AND KRAMER WERE TOLD THAT CUSTOMS
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CAN COUNT WITHOUT HAVING A QUOTE TARGET QUOTE TO COUNT AGAINST. RAY CITED AS EXAMPLE FACT THAT CUSTOMS WILL BE COUNTING SHOE IMPORTS FROM BRAZIL WITHOUT A TARGET.

4. IN SMITH VIEW, INDIAN PROBLEM CAN BE RESOLVED IF CUSTOMS COULD SEE ITS WAY CLEAR TO COUNT WITHOUT TARGET. COUNT AGAINST A TARGET DEFEATS WHOLE PURPOSE OF ELIM-

INATING GROUP III AGREEMENT. FURTHERMORE, SMITH CANNOT
AGREE TO ARRANGEMENT WHICH WOULD, IN EFFECT, PLACE
IMPORT CONTROLS ON INDIAN ITEMS WHICH FOR YEARS HAVE
BEEN FREE FROM SUCH CONTROLS. BUT, IF AS RAY STATES,
CUSTOMS CAN COUNT WITHOUT A TARGET (I.E. 3 MILLION
DOZEN), THEN PROBLEM IS RESOLVED.

5. FOR SHEPHERD. THIS IS A MATTER YOU MAY WISH TO
DISCUSS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY WIEL.SORENSEN

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